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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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| TB | AA | 5,942,797 | 08/24/99 | Terasawa | 257 | 723 | |
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| TB | AK | 0 545 488 A1 | 06/09/93 | EP | | |
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OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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